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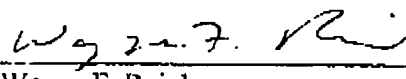
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BLOWING AGENT VIA CONTROLLED EXPANSION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action with a mailing date of December 3, 2003, response to which is due by June 3, 2004 with three-month extension, a request for which and payment therefor are included herewith, and which is therefore being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.